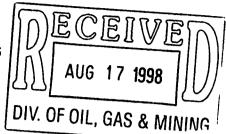
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August 14, 1998

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor State of Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining PO Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Re:

Signed Transfer of Notice of Intent - Large Mining Operation Form MR-TRL and Signed Reclamation Contract Form MR-RC for Tintic Utah Metals LLC, Apex/Burgin Mine M/049/009, Utah County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Tintic Utah Metals LLC acknowledges the new surety as an interim reclamation surety and will be submitting the LLC's responses to the additional items requested for the large mine permit transfer presently.

Enclosed are the signed and notarized forms the Division has requested - Transfer of Notice of Intent - Large Mining Operation Form MR-TRL and Reclamation Contract Form MR-RC for Tintic Utah Metals LLC, Apex/Burgin Mine M/049/009, Utah County, Utah.

Because of the changes to the mine plan and revisions resulting from the LLC current feasibility study it was suggested by Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining personnel that the permit transfer request could most properly be submitted in the format of a new permit application. Because of the revisions to Sunshine Mining Company's original large mining permit they are reluctant to sign page 3 of 6 of the Transfer of Notice of Intent - Large Mining Operation Form MR-TRL. Feeling that in some way their signing may further obligate them to the project.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in aiding the LLC in completing this permitting process. If you have any questions or concerns please call.

Regards.

Paul C. Spor

Executive Director

cc: Tom Gast, Environmental Management Services